

Remarks/Arguments

The Office Action dated April 4, 2005 has been noted and its contents carefully studied. In light of the foregoing amendments, reconsideration of the Rejection and entry of the amendment to claims 1, 8, 23 and 24 is courteously requested.

More specifically, the discussion with the Examiner of the proposed changes to the claims 1 and 8 is gratefully acknowledged. It is noted that in that discussion the Examiner was of the opinion that the amendment to the claims would raise new issues and require a further search. It is respectfully urged that the proposed amendment to the claims does not raise new issues and merely clarify features that were inherent in the claims.

More specifically, the Amendment clarifies that the invention relates to separately classifying a list of network resources located so that represent resources accessed by a number of users of the network. It does not relate to the user's themselves during the classifying of a resource has visited in the past or may wish to visit in the future. This was explained to the Examiner and it was pointed out that the list of network resource locators is created from use data which is related to network resources accessed by a number of users of the network.

In this regard, support for the proposed Amendment is found in the final paragraph of page 5 of the application. The resource locators are obtained from use data which relates to the resources accessed by a number of users, and are then processed by the workstation that is separate from the users. Independent claims 23 and 24 have been amended to reflect the amendments to claims 1 and 8.

The newly cited reference, i.e., U.S. Patent No. 6,546,393 to Khan (hereinafter "Khan") describes a server system that allows a user to store and categorize their bookmarks on the server. More specifically, the system merely provides an online bookmark manager so that a site directory can be generated by a user using bookmarks and categories submitted to the server.

It is noted that in the telephone conversation with the Examiner that the Examiner acknowledged that if in fact this is what Khan teaches, that the claims as amended would appear to distinguish over Khan, but that a new search would be required. Accordingly, careful consideration of the claims as presented is courteously requested and in the interest of expediting prosecution, if upon further reflection the examiner believes that no further search is necessary, he is courteously requested to enter the amendments and to allow the claims.

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Nonetheless, should the Examiner have any comments, questions or additional suggestions concerning the application, he is courteously requested to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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